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Plans in Place for Fantastic First Night

New Bedford First Night 2008 is celebrating the New Year this year with an entertainment extravaganza, and combined with the efforts of AHA! are producing an event with more entertainment, arts and activities than ever before!

This year promises to be a wonderful festivity of entertainment and fun! New exciting performances are scheduled including the hugely popular Beatles tribute



Above: Staff and students at Sippican School in Marion recently honored the Braitmayer Foundation for their years of generosity to the school. Here Jack Braitmayer and wife Nancy (center) accept the Massachusetts Association of School Committees' (MASC) Outstanding School Partner Award for his efforts flanked by his son, Eric, his niece Nancy Corkery, President of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees Ellen Furtado, Marion School Committee Chairman Jane McCarthy, and Sippican School Principal Dona Mahoney. (Photo by Robert Chiarito). Story on page 10

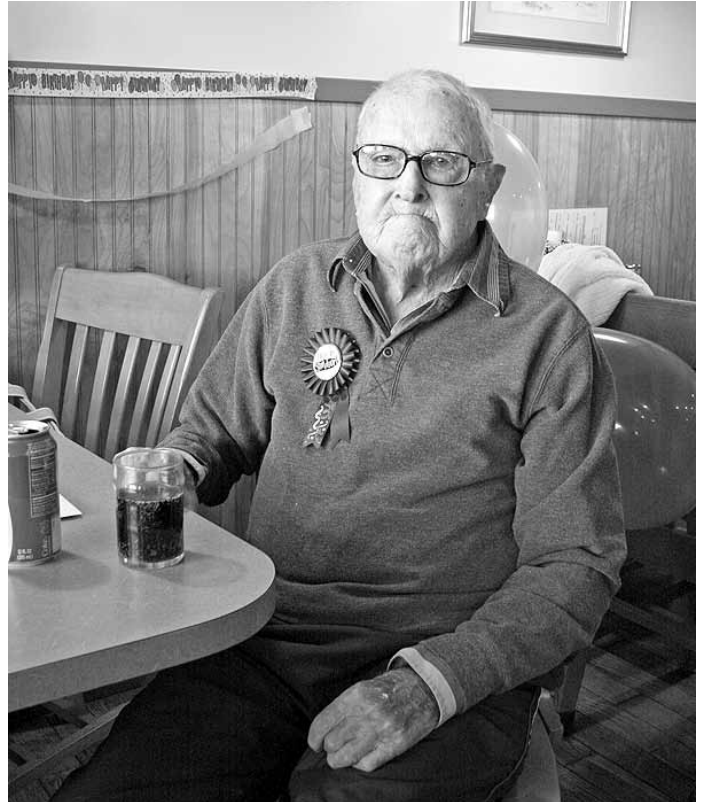
On the cover: The colorful Lulu the Clown is just one of the many acts slated to perform during the 20th anniversary First Night Celebration in downtown New Bedford on New Year's Eve. The fourth oldest First Night celebration in the country, First Night New Bedford 2008 will culminate with a dazzling ground fireworks display beginning at 10:00 pm. For more information, check out www.firstnightnb.org.

The Wanderer Holiday Hours

The Wanderer office will be closed from December 31 to January 4 so that our staff can enjoy the holidays. There will be no January 3, 2008 edition. The first issue in January will be January 10, 2008. Deadline for Display Advertising in the January 10 issue is Friday, December 28 at 3pm. Classified advertising deadline for the January 10 issue is January 7 at 1pm.

We hope everyone has a Happy New Year!

band, Octopus's Garden, which will rock the Zeiterion Theater with incredible impersonations of the Fab Four, John, Paul, George and Ringo. New England's premier sound-alike Beatles band, Octopus's Garden features Ron



Above: Rochester resident Arthur Lionberger celebrated his 105th birthday at the Rochester Bakery on Monday, December 24. A Rochester resident for some 70 years who used to summer in Marion, Mr. Lionberger turned 105 on December 26 but celebrated the milestone early on Christmas Eve with several family members and friends. A former banjo player with The Woodchoppers, Mr. Lionberger enjoyed a hot bowl of soup for his birthday meal. (Photo by Robert Chiarito).

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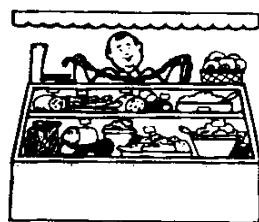


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Familiar favorites also performing at the New Bedford Whaling Museum Theater include the John Harrison Trio with Bill Mieli and Jackie Santos, featuring Ann Austin; as well the ever-popular Matty B and Joe. Jedlie's Magic Circus is brought back to the Whaling Museum by request. Children's performers on hand will include Marcy's Music Show, Magician George Cleaves and the one-man circus show The Great Benafuchi light up the New Bedford Public Library with lively and hilarious performances. Internationally-renowned Fado Singers Ana and Jose Vinagre will perform at Pilgrim United Church and Back Eddy Bluegrass will perform traditional and

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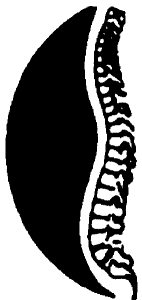
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when the festivities culminate with a thrilling ground fireworks to celebrate the New Year. Susan Encarnacao, this year's First Night president remarked: "Throughout the night, Custom House Square is the hub of activities with lots of entertainment on stage including vocal group, Voices in Time; Chris and Shawn, two talented young men who have successfully made a name for themselves in Portuguese music, featuring their dynamic dancers, the Diamonds; a performance by Backstage Dance Academy as well as DJ, Peter Rivet keeping the night lively with lots of great dance music. First Night will be selling buttons at Custom House Square and hot chocolate and popcorn will be available for purchase. By having the fireworks earlier this year at 10:00 pm, we are anticipating lots more families will be able to stay with their children to enjoy the exciting colorful spectacle. It's a fabulous way to celebrate New Year with family and friends."

This year with the participation of AHA!, First Night promises to be brimming with activities and fun! AHA! will be joining First Night as a free venue from 5:00 to 9:00 pm with a "Fire and Ice" celebration in downtown New Bedford. AHA! Program Director Lee Heald said that AHA! received over \$90,000 in in-kind support in 2007 from local non-profit venues and businesses and that this evening is as a way of showing appreciation to the downtown community and partner venues.

This exciting night will include ice sculptures created in situ and Boston fire performers in the Wing Court

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Local eateries such as No Problemo, the Green Bean, the Spicy Lime, Jimmy's Steamy Hot Dogs and AHA! partner venues on Purchase Street and William Street will be open from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. The New Bedford Art Museum will be open and offer the artMOBILE Center for children's crafts. Storyteller Toby Dills will be

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New Bedford First Night 2008's buttons are now on sale. Buttons are \$10. Children three and under are admitted free.

Buttons are available at Artworks, Baker Books, Bank of America, Beautiful Things, Café Arpeggio, Citizens Bank, Citizens-Union Bank, Dorothy Cox's Chocolates, Elaine's at the Black Whale, Elks Lodge, First Citizens' Federal Credit Union, New Bedford City Hall, Saint Anne Credit Union, Saltmarsh's, Seaport Village Shops, Shaw's Supermarkets, Sovereign Bank, Trucchi's Supermarket, Webster Bank and YMCA. Buttons may also be purchased at Custom House Square on New Year's Eve.

New Bedford First Night 2008 is a family-oriented, alcohol-free festival that showcases arts and entertainment throughout the night. Performance venues are in the fine historic sites of downtown New Bedford such as the Zeiterion Theater, City Hall, Whaling City National Park and many others. First Night New Bedford brings many visitors and local residents together into the heart of the city to enjoy the camaraderie of celebrating New Year's Eve.

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The First Night New Bedford committee consists of Susan Encarnacao, Claudia Ostiguy, Dottie Dagnall, Chuck Dade, Susan Grace, Dave Antunes and Jessica Farr.

To volunteer or contribute financially to help make New Bedford First Night 2008 the best ever, please contact First Night President Susan Encarnacao at 508-971-0851 or send your donation payable to First Night New Bedford Inc., P.O. Box 1701, New Bedford MA 02741. To volunteer, please contact Claudia Ostiguy at 508-995-7613, or visit their website at www.firstnightnb.org.

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By Robert Chiarito

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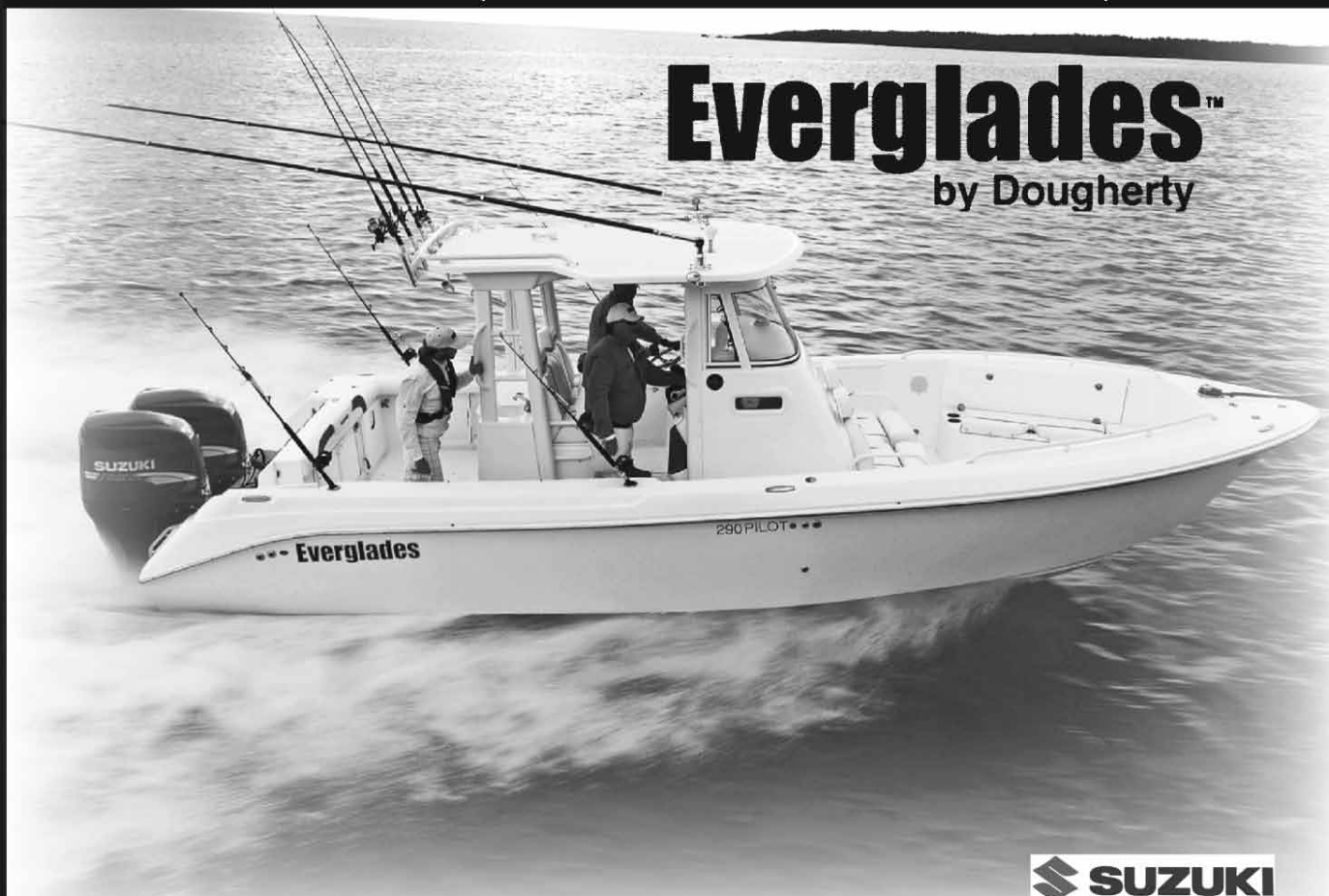
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the Massachusetts Association of School Committees' (MASC) Outstanding School Partner Award.

Before the award ceremony the school treated the Braitmayers and other honored guests by performing a few holiday songs. The Sippican School Band invited the gathering of students, staff and dignitaries to sing along with them as they played Christmas carols.

The student body of Sippican School was also recognized for their generosity as the students pulled together to contribute non-perishable food goods, collecting a sizable amount of food to be donated to Damien's Food Pantry of Wareham. On Wednesdays the school sponsors "SippiCan" days encouraging students to bring in a canned item to give to the food drive helping those in need throughout the year. The students also made a donation of nearly \$700 to the neediest families fund by dropping their spare change into a large jar located near the school's library.

This lesson of giving is one that the Braitmayer Family has been teaching area students since 1964 when the family decided to establish a fund that would give to schools throughout the country in an effort that has enhanced the education of thousands of young people since that time. According to the Foundation website, the family awards "grants to be used any where in the United States as seed money, challenge grants, or to match other grants to the recipient organizations" that can be used to help both students and educators achieve a higher level of education.

The Braitmayers were represented at Thursday's awards ceremony by family members Jack Braitmayer, Nancy Braitmayer, Jack's son Eric, and family niece Nancy Corkery. MASC President Ellen Furtado made the presentation of the award 2007 Outstanding School Partner Award to the family in recognition of their many years




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of service and dedication to the Sippican School and the ORR school district.

In accepting the award, Mr. Braitmayer recalled his days at Sippican School by comparing the technology used by today's students with that used in the 1940s saying, "We learned arithmetic without the use of computers and we had no calculators or even ball point pens. We added numbers in our heads. We learned penmanship using pens dipped in wells of India ink." Mr. Braitmayer continued his thoughts by telling the students that, "(The Braitmayer Family) thought that supporting VASE (Volunteers at Sippican Elementary) was a wonderful way of repaying the school for that it had done for us. Hopefully our receiving this award will help others contribute to the



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**Seasonal Singing
Showstoppers Perform Christmas Classics
By Robert Chiarito**

This is a season for giving where, sometimes, the best presents are not those found under the tree on Christmas morning. On Sunday afternoon, December 23, the Showstoppers gave the tri-town such a present as they performed their annual Christmas Concert at the Marion Music Hall. The show was a fast-paced afternoon of holiday song and cheer provided free-of-charge as a Christmas card for all of the support that the area has given the group over the past year.

A full house of friends and family was on hand to support the singing troupe as they entertained their audience with a combination of holiday hymns and Christmas favorites covering nearly every genre of American pop music from rockers made famous by Chuck Berry and Elvis to standards by Bing Crosby, Patty Page and Patsy Cline. The group, under the direction of Kelly Zucco, gave every member of the group a chance to shine in the spot

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light as each singer was featured in either a solo or duo performance. One of the more remarkable aspects of the Showstoppers is the confidence that it instills in the young performers who range in age from early grade school through high school students.

Sunday's 90-minute performance saw the Showstoppers using all of their many talents as they sang, danced and acted throughout the show. Several of the group's members were featured performing on a variety of musical instruments prior to the concert as a warm up of sorts while members of the audience filed in and took their seats. The audience responded by singing along, and tapping their toes to the music before giving the Showstoppers a rousing standing ovation at the end of the set, calling the boys and girls back for several curtain calls and bows.

During the performance it was announced that the group had been invited to perform at Disney World later this year. The Showstoppers will be performing at the Galaxy Palace Theater in the Tomorrowland section of the theme park and they will also be participating in Disney's Show Choir Magic. The latter being a performing arts workshop held at the Backstage Entertainment Rehearsal Hall at Disney's Epcot Center.

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School Report

Volleyball Tournament at ORR

By Olivia Mello

A popular event at Old Rochester Regional High School is the annual volleyball tournament that takes place on the last day before Christmas vacation. This year's excitement was no less than any others. Students who wished to participate were required to create teams of six or seven students, in which they submitted to the faculty of the physical education department. The tournament was planned to be held during first and second block on Friday, December 21.

Directly after the conclusion of homeroom, those students who signed up to participate in the tournament piled through the gymnasium doors, changing into their uniforms and immediately meeting up with their teammates. It was evident how enthusiastic many kids were about the games while reading off the 16 team names. These included: The Perfect Ten, Six Dollar Bills, Iron Curtain, The Volleyballas, Team Laura, Above the Influence, X-Factor, Nick's Team, OR's Finest, The Smashers, 4-20, PR's, Team Kendall, RIP ODB, Team One, and Good Vibrations. Each team was given a number, in order to

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The first round soon began. With only four courts set up, eight of the 16 teams were asked to sit out while the existing eight competed against their assigned opponents. The clock was set to eight minutes and the games began. After the timer ran out, the teams that sat for the first round took their places on the courts and complied in the same procedure. Each court had a designated referee to help settle the scores and prevent arguments from surfacing. Every team was able to play in at least two rounds. The tournament rankings were based upon the sum of their total points scored. The rounds continued rolling, as the teams with the lowest scores were slowly knocked out of the competition.

As the tournament began to narrow down to the final competitions, Team Kendall found themselves with an incredible score of more than eighty points putting them into an undefeatable position of first place. This guaranteed the team into the final competition. Good Vibrations, Iron Curtain, the Volleyballas, Team One and



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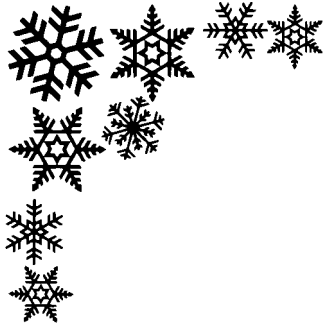
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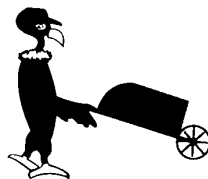
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OR's Finest competed one another in order to figure out who would be joining Team Kendall in the last game of the tournament.

Team One (including Sarah Jennings, Gary Lawrence, Caileigh Stearns, Madison Lees, Stevie Cassidy and Kyle Amicucci) took advantage of this opportunity, quickly sweeping through these rounds and bringing them closer to the final competition. Their first win was against Chris Wright, Brittany Lees, Alex Goodman, John Santos, Kendall Nelson and Alexandra Rentumis of the Volleyballas. Team One's second defeat was against Meg MacGregor, Peter Sacco, Jenn Sheehan, Jack Durocher and Cam Kelleher. The game was extremely close with Peter Sacco and Gary Lawrence, who both had great spiking skills, going head to head. In fact, a large discrepancy arose during one of the last plays of the match. Good Vibrations called a "carry" on Team One, in which if the carry was approved Good Vibrations would have received the point. The referee did not see the supposed penalty and therefore a replay was put in session, giving Team One another chance to serve. In the last volley, Team One's Gary Lawrence received the winning point. Good Vibrations fell out of the competition in an uproar, convinced that they had lost against a cheating team.

On the other hand, Team One advanced into the last round, finally facing off against the undefeated Team Kendall. Team Kendall's members — Zach Choquette, Sam Asci, Shannon O'Donoghue, Brennan Gougen, Emma



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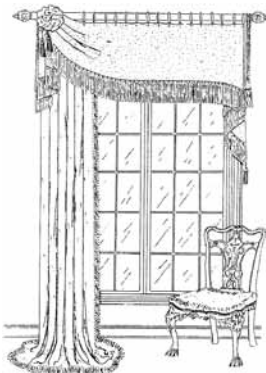
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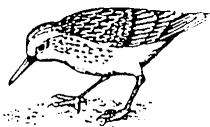
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Lagrezze and Sarah Couchi — put up a good fight; unfortunately, it wasn't good enough. The final score was 14-10 leaving Team One with the 2007 Volleyball Tournament's winning title.

Sports Shorts

By Robert Chiarito

The 2007-2008 Season was supposed to be a bit of a rebuilding year for the **Old Rochester Boys Basketball Team**. Apparently the team did not get that memo as they have charged out of the gate to post a 4-0 start on the year. This past week the Bulldogs downed Dighton-Rehoboth on Tuesday night, December 18 behind a 23-point effort by **Jordan Rezendes**. Brother **Jeff Rezendes** added 14 for ORR. On Friday, December 21 the Bulldogs ran their SCC conference record to 3-0 as they defeated Case High School 60-35.

The **Bulldog Winter Boys and Girls Track Teams** suffered their first losses of the season as they both fell in their meets with Dighton-Rehoboth. The Lady Bulldogs ran neck and neck with D-R as they came up just short losing 48-38. On the men's side Dighton-Rehoboth led throughout the meet in winning 57-29.

Old Colony's Boys Basketball Team has been having an up and down start to their 2007-2008 season. They have been in a pattern of swapping wins and losses to begin the year running their record to 2-2 thus far. On Monday, December 17 the Cougars pounded Upper Cape

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Tech in winning 81-46. On Friday, December 21 the Boys were tripped up at Bristol Plymouth, losing the game 77-46.

The **Old Colony Girls** have had a similar start to their season opening the year with a 53-26 loss at home to Upper Cape Tech on Tuesday, December 18. The Lady Cougars righted themselves in a defensive battle the next day at Avon, winning 34-33 behind **Kelsea Perreira's** 14 points. Perreira gave the Cougars the win by hitting three free throws in the game's final six seconds. On Friday, December 21 the Ladies were doubled up by Bristol-Plymouth Tech in a 52-26 home loss. The Lady Cougars are now 1-2 on the season.

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their first win of the year as they traveled to Swansea to Case High School for a 51-30 game on Friday night, December 21. Earlier in the week the Bulldogs were defeated by Dighton-Rehoboth by a 47-24 score. The Ladies' record for the season is now 1-2 both overall and in SCC play.

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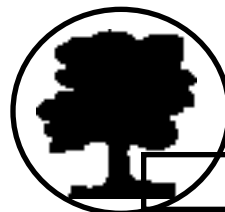
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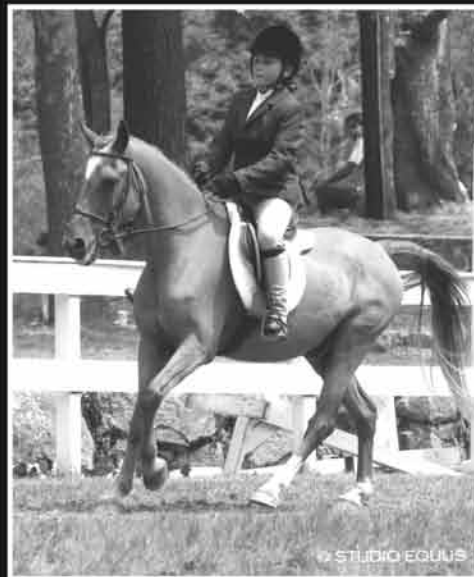
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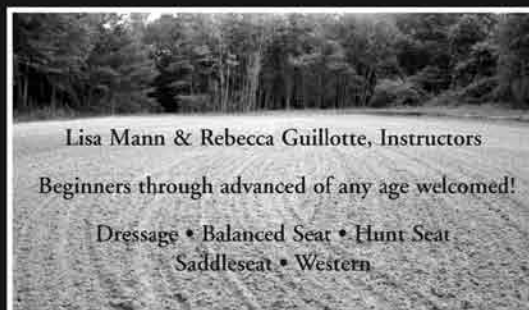
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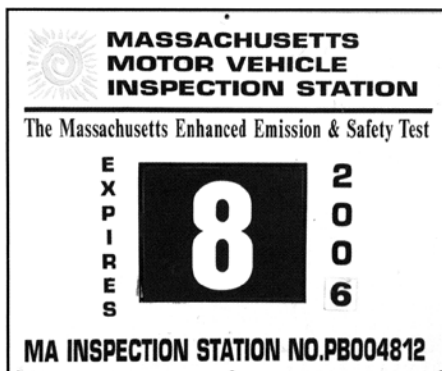
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Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin announced recently that the Coalition to Repeal 40B did not meet the minimum certified signature requirement according to the state's initiative petition law, and that the group's question will not appear on the November 2008 statewide ballot.

"We are disappointed that all of our signatures were not certified," said Coalition to Repeal 40B chairman John Belskis of Arlington. "Although we wish we could have given the embattled residents of Massachusetts a chance to vote to eliminate this failed law, we are pleased with the foundation we have built going forward."

More than 70,000 voters representing 90 percent of the Commonwealth's cities and towns signed onto the petition in recent weeks. Grassroots support for the effort to repeal 40B came from all corners of the state, and crossed political lines.

"There is broad recognition among working-class voters that 40B has failed as an affordable housing law," Belskis said. "The leaders of this state need to look at the number of signatures we have collected and realize that our support will only grow as developers continue to abuse this law at the expense of our communities."

Group organizers said they will focus their energy in coming months on educating voters about 40B's failure to produce affordable housing. The group cites the recent Greater Boston Housing Report Card that verifies alterna-

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Belskis emphasized that "Legislators should know that they stand to receive more support by fixing or eliminating this failed law, than if they continue to side



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with developers and special interest groups and stonewall reform efforts."

Hospice Benefit Supper

The Tenth Annual Community Nurse and Hospice Care Spaghetti Supper will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2008 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Acushnet Council on Aging at 59-1/2 South Main Street in Acushnet. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

Please attend for good food and lots of fun including an auction and 50/50 raffle. All proceeds from this event will benefit the patients and families of the Hospice Program.

The Community Nurse and Hospice Care team provides thousands of hours of much needed care to patients and their families. Last year, our agency provided over \$575,000 of free and subsidized care to patients in the 13 communities that we service in the greater New Bedford Area. The intensive care required during the final stages of terminal illness costs far more than what the Medicare reimbursement allows.

Therefore, Community Nurse and Hospice Care provides a critical niche for those patients wishing to spend their final days at home.

Please call Linda Quinn at 508-717-0758 for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Mattapoisett Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its January meeting on Wednesday, January 2 — that's right, the day after New Year's — at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm with dinner service beginning at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be member Donald R. Correia, Past District Governor of Lions District 33S. Donald will give a brief presentation of the history and unbelievable efforts of the Massachusetts' Lions' Eye Research Fund, a one and only charitable organization of its type in the entire United States. The Eye Research Fund specializes in the development of eye research projects that have been proven to be of lasting impact on many eye afflictions that have been minimized or eradicated



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over the years starting with the "Baby Blindness" condition that actually started the organization. So, after your celebration of the New Year make it a point to attend.

Callers are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy when reporting. Due to the holiday, lists should be reported no later than 9:00 pm on December 28 by calling 508-758-9311. Last-minute changes by members can be made by calling the same number direct no later than 9:00 pm on January 1.

Marion Council on Aging

The Marion Council on Aging (COA) would like to announce the following winter trips. Space is limited and will be on a first call basis.

- January 25: IKEA pick up at 12:30;
- February 15: Country Store in Mansfield pick up at 12:30;
- March 14: Boston Aquarium pick up at 9:00;
- March 28: Lizzie Borden Museum in Fall River pick up at 10:30;
- April 11: Lee's Market pick up at 12:30.

Mattapoisett Holiday Artwork

The students in Grades 1-3 at Mattapoisett's Center School recently participated in a community service project during their art classes. They each created a decoration to help with the Town of Mattapoisett's annual celebration of the December holidays. This was done as a

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The artists in Grade 1 created shiny silver circle ornaments in a variety of sizes. Grade 3 artists created "star-flake" ornaments with craft sticks that were decorated with a variety of colored foil dots. All of the ornaments were hung on the town tree in Shipyard Park.

Grade 2 artists created sections of garland by stitching yarn through paper loops. The colors of each section were chosen to represent one of the following December holidays: Hanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and La Fiesta. The individual sections were then tied together to create a very long garland for the railing on the gazebo in Shipyard Park.

Special thanks to the following volunteers for their assistance in making sure the donations were tied securely and displayed beautifully: Jean Breault and her children John and Adam; Anne Marie Alfonse and her son Luke; Linda Nutter and her daughter Danielle; and Angie Randall and her daughter Michelle. Their effort is especially appreciated this year because it occurred on a very cold and windy day!

Rochester Student Wins Contest

Stephanie Sheehan, a sixth grade student in Mr. Della Cioppa's class at Rochester Memorial School, was recently awarded second place in the Buttonwood Park Zoo Animal Poetry Contest. Stephanie received a \$100

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savings bond for her poem *The Canadian Lynx*, which is as follows:

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with eyes glowing like the moon.*

*Resting.
His ears as high as the sky.
Fur as thick as the snow.
Tail, short like a bush
Hind legs as long as a tree.*

*He has snowshoes for paws
to prowl the snowy tundra.*

*Stopped cold by the sight of a hare,
His ears are perked,
Tail down,
Ready to run.*

*Taking off, he sprints.
Dashing through a blizzard,
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ED-TV Logo Contest

ORCTV is currently seeking a logo for their soon-to-be-launched tri-town Education Channel (ED-TV), which will be broadcast on Channel 18 to cable subscribers in Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester beginning in March 2008.

Rules for logo submissions are as follows:

- Art work must be original;
- Logo must be clean and simple, no intricate details;
- Art work will be scaled down to approximately 1" x 1" and used on websites and other applications;
- Submissions must be no larger than 8.5 x 11 and on white paper;
- Submissions can be hand-drawn or computer-generated;
- Entry deadline January 15, 2008;
- Entries will be judged. Prize awarded: a digital still camera; and
- Contest is open to all students.

For more information, please contact Debbie Stinson at ORR High School at 508-758-3745.

The Education Channel will air programming from the tri-town elementary schools, ORR Junior High, ORR High School, Tabor Academy, Old Colony Vocational, Upper Cape Tech, as well as adult education programming.

Winter Stress on Trees

Winter's heavy snow and ice, as well as frozen soil conditions, can damage cherished trees and shrubs in suburban landscapes. Even areas without major snowfall experience high winds and huge fluctuations in temperatures during winter. But homeowners can lessen the adverse effects of winter weather with preventive maintenance.

"Branches of trees can break due to the excessive weight of ice or snow," said Tchukki Andersen, staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association. "Proper pruning encourages the formation of the strongest possible branches and branch attachments. When pruning alone isn't enough, properly installed cables and rigid braces can add support to a weakened part of the tree."

Winter winds cause evergreens to lose moisture from their needles. Even some deciduous trees suffer from winter drying. If water is not available as moisture is drawn from living cells, permanent damage will result. The best prevention consists of planting only hardy species in areas of prolonged exposure, watering plants adequately in the fall, and mulching to insulate the soil and roots from severe cold.

On sunny days in winter, the tree's trunk and main limbs can warm to 15 degrees higher than the air

temperature. As soon as the sun's rays stop reaching the stem, its temperature plummets, causing injury or permanent damage to the bark. The two main types of injury are known as sun scald and frost cracking. The effects of sun scald and frost cracking can be reduced by sound arboricultural practices to maintain overall health, and also by covering the trunks of young, susceptible trees with a suitable tree wrap.

"Most skilled arborists prefer pruning when trees are dormant," said Andersen. "With no leaves on the tree, the arborist is better able to evaluate its architecture and spot dead or diseased branches. In addition, since the ground is frozen damage to the turf underneath the tree due to falling limbs and tire tracks is negligible. This is also a good time to check trees for diseases and other damage."

Here are some other ways the Tree Care Industry Association recommends to improve the health of your living landscape:

- Aeration around trees helps improve water and air movement in the soil. This strengthens the tree's root system and reduces soil compaction.

- When planting, choose hardy trees available in your area as they have better chances for survival in severe weather conditions. Choosing the best location and following proper planting procedures should be your highest priorities.

- Stop fertilizing trees in early fall to allow them to prepare for winter.

- In case of moderate storm damage, restoring the tree to its former health and beauty may take some time, but it generally can make a full recovery. Broken, hazardous limbs should be removed immediately. Pruning to remove broken stubs and restore the balance of the crown can be put off a little while, but shouldn't be delayed more than one growing season.

A professional arborist can assess your landscape and work with you to determine the best trees to plant. Contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a 69-year-old public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance stan-



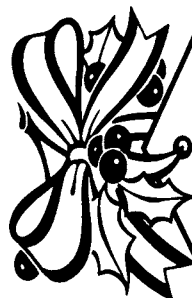
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An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP Code search on www.treecaretips.org.

Trip to Washington, DC

There will be an informational meeting for seventh grade students and parents of the tri-town area who are considering the 30th annual trip to Washington, DC on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. Leo Paradis, tour director, will be present to answer any questions or discuss any concerns. The meeting will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett beginning at 7:00 pm. This trip is *not* sponsored by the ORR School District. For more information, please call Leo Paradis at 508-763-4225 or e-mail paradisleo@yahoo.com.

ORR Financial Aid Night

The ORR Guidance Department will sponsor the Annual Financial Aid Information Night for parents of college bound students, has been *rescheduled* to Thursday, January 10, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the ORR High School Auditorium. A representative from MEFA will discuss various aspects of financing a college education including the financial aid application process, searching for scholarships, understanding how aid is calculated and awarded, and other financing including payment plans and loan programs. Parents of ORR seniors should make every effort to attend this most important and informative presentation. Parents of Juniors are also welcome to attend.

Financial aid is a critical issue for all students contemplating post-secondary education. Students may qualify for aid for further education at a trade/technical school, community college, junior college, or four-year college or university. All families are encouraged to apply for financial aid. It is almost impossible to predict how this process may affect the students and the decisions which need to be made in the next few months. The financial aid process has changed and may be handled differently from one college to another.

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Rochester Senior Center

- New Year's Party – Ring in the New Year a little early with all of us here at the Senior Center. Join them on Monday, December 31 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for an afternoon of fun and frolic with great hot h'ors deuvres and a glass of bubbly(non-alcoholic) and ring in the New Year amidst friends and neighbors! A great time to be had by all who attend! We hope you'll join us!

- Friday Take-out Lunches are Back – Tired of eating alone? Why not join the Rochester COA on Fridays at 12:00 noon at the Senior Center for their family style restaurant take-out/eat-in lunch. Cost is \$5 per person. Please sign up in advance so that we are sure enough food is ordered. Why not stay for the movie afterwards. Anyone is welcome to join us, Hope to see you then.

- Are There any Senior Instrument Players in Rochester? The Rochester COA has a volunteer guitar/fiddle player who is interested in "jamming" at the senior center with other senior musicians! All musicians are welcome to come and practice on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. Who knows? We might be able to organize a great senior orchestra! So come down and bring your instrument.

- Friends of the Rochester Senior Center will have a meeting on Tuesday, January 8 at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

- South Coast Chamber Music Society – Join the Rochester COA on Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 pm for the South Coast Chamber Music Society's concert "A Very French Program" which will be held at the Music Hall on Front Street in Marion. Tickets are \$18 and includes a pre-concert lecture at 7:00, a wine and cheese reception, and the concert. Call the Rochester COA at 508-763-8723

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- The bi-monthly Tri-Town TRIAD meeting will be held on Monday, January 14 at 9:30 at the Rochester Senior Center. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to attend. If you just want to find out what it is about, you are also welcome to come down. TRIAD is a partnership with the Seniors, Law Enforcement, and Public Safety, which is sponsored by the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office.

- Old Colony Vocational Culinary Arts Students will be on-site at the Rochester Senior Center once a month throughout the school year, to prepare a Monday luncheon at 12:00 noon. This month's date is January 14. Soup and sandwich is the menu. No cost for the meal but donations are appreciated. Please sign up in advance!

- Veterans' Social – The monthly Veterans' Social will be held on Wednesday, January 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Senior Center. All Rochester veterans are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

- Beat the Winter Blahs - Sandra Marshall from the Community Nurse and Hospice Care, Inc. will pres-

ent a one-hour presentation on tips for beating the winter blahs on Thursday, January 17 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at the Rochester Senior Center. This free presentation is made possible through a grant from the Friends of the Marion Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) and all Tri-Town residents are welcome to attend.

- The Pampered Chef Returns – Rochester's very own Pampered Chef Linda Medeiros returns on Monday, January 28 at 11:00 am to offer another wonderful luncheon cooking demonstration here at the Senior Center. The theme this month is "soups." Stay for the luncheon at 12:00 once the demonstration is over and sample the results. No charge for the program but donations are appreciated. Please sign up in advance.

- SERVE New England Program – Registration at the Rochester COA by or before January 26! Request: If you can, please bring your own boxes or bags to the Saturday pick up. Thanks. Packages of food for an affordable price are available, such as meat only package for \$14 or the Family Meal package for \$22. It is open to all persons regardless of age, race, or income level, and only requires that participants complete two hours of volunteer service per month in their community to qualify. Great food at a great price.

- Extended Hours are Here – (Funded by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs). The Senior Center is now open Monday and Thursday nights, 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

- Monday Nights – Paul Letourneau is back in Rochester! Join us for our new Square Dancing class! It's a fitness program that does it all at a cost that will fit your budget. Donation of \$4 per class, paid directly to the instructor. The first night is free. Class is 6:30 to 8:30 pm. All levels of expertise are welcome! Comfortable dress, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn are all that are required! Let's extend a warm welcome back to Paul Letourneau. Many of you may remember Paul from his years of teaching at the Rochester Grange! Come to just watch or dance. All ages and anyone welcome!

- Thursday Nights: Join the Rochester COA for two hours of line dancing with instructor Rose Daley, as she leads you in the most current new dance steps. The

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- **Piano Lessons Anyone?** – Rochester resident, Helen Butts would like to give piano lessons to other Rochester residents here at the Senior Center. Helen has a long history of teaching piano to many over the years. These lessons would be half-hour per person for the beginners level, and will be held on Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. Any age is welcome. Please call the Senior Center to reserve your lesson time. The lessons are free but we would appreciate any size donation for the class.

- **Computer Lab** – The Senior Center online Computer Lab is available for your use anytime.

- **Fridays** – Eileen Marum will teach an introduction to Microsoft Word course for four Fridays at 10:00 am. Anyone is welcome.

- **Billiard Lessons** – Every Tuesday, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, learn the basics of shooting pool with Volunteer instructor Carl Bissonnette, here at the Senior Center. The lessons are free, so come on down and hone your skills! Anyone is welcome.

- **Decorative Acrylic Painting Class** – Rochester resident, Sue McMullen, is teaching a weekly acrylic painting class on Monday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 at the Senior Center. Cost is \$5 per person per week, payable directly to the instructor. Supplies are being provided by the instructor and are included in the price of the class. Just bring your brushes.

- **Calling All Friends** – It's not too late to turn in your annual dues to renew your membership to the Friends of the Rochester Senior Center. All potential new Friends are also welcome. Dues are \$3. The Friends funds are given to the Senior Center to assist with various projects, supplies and operating expenses.

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12:00 you are welcome to join us for the weekly soup and sandwich lunch at the Senior Center. As the cold weather descends upon us, a hot bowl of soup is most welcome at any time. To ward off your chills, a delicious hot lunch will be available for your enjoyment. No specific cost for the program, donations are welcome. Please call for a reservation so we can plan accordingly. We hope to see you. Recipes and soup suggestions are welcome!

- Blood Pressure Checks, Courtesy of the South-coast Home Care, are available on the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. All seniors are welcome to stop in to get their blood pressure checked.
- TOPS Program – Our TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter has started and continues to meet every Monday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:00 pm. This is a national, not for profit weight loss support group, which is 59 years old. Our weekly chapter group is basically peer support. Members are weighed in weekly, and information is shared weekly with attending members on experiences, healthy recipes choices, and other nutritional tidbits. Membership in the TOPS chapter is \$ 24 per year, and that is the entire cost of the program. Please join us anytime. All ages and genders are welcome!

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Marion's Taber Library

Winter 2008

Winter Tales for Twos, for children between the ages of 24 and 39 months, runs from January 9 through March 12, 2008. The half-hour program of stories, fingerplays and crafts will be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10:15 am. Children must be two years old by January 1, 2008 to attend and must be accompanied by enthusiastic adult companions. Pre-registration is required by calling or stopping by the library, or e-mailing Marsha Rehkamp at mrehkamp@sailsinc.org.

Winter storytime for children between the ages of three and five begins January 7 and runs through March 10, 2008. Children are invited to enjoy stories, fingerplays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:15 am. There will be a second group on Monday afternoons at 1:30 pm if enough people are interested. Sign up by calling or stopping by the library, or e-mailing Marsha Rehkamp at mrehkamp@sailsinc.org.

Winter Lapsit Storytime for ages 0-23 months begins Thursday, January 10 and runs through February 14, 2008. Sign up by calling or stopping by the library, or e-mailing Marsha Rehkamp at mrehkamp@sailsinc.org.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is 508-748-1252. More program information can be found on the library's website at www.sailsinc.org/marion.

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Voters may also register by mail using mail-in forms which are widely available throughout the state or during regular Town House business hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:40 pm; and Friday, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. The Town House is located at 2 Spring Street in Marion.

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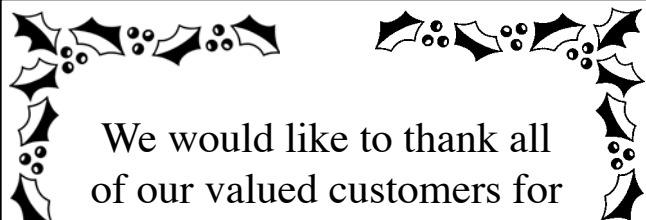
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A trained and certified counselor will be available Mondays and Thursdays by appointment until April 15. You must fill out the AARP Intake Form (available at the COA) or bring you last years form.

In addition, bring your Social Security earning letter which you received in November 2007, your current year tax package, if you received one as well as all earnings statements and reports from financial institutions. Please bring last year's tax form as filed with the state or the IRS.

Please contact the Mattapoisett COA with any questions at 508-758-4110.

Rochester Tax Mailings

Notice from the Rochester Tax Collector: The 2008 Rochester real estate and personal property bills have not been mailed due to a tax rate not being certified by the Department of Revenue (DOR). If you wish to make a payment based on 2007 bill, you may. The 2008 bills may be mailed by the end of December or first part of January, once the rate is approved. The first half of the 2008 tax bill will be due thirty days after the mailing.

Marion Taxes Due

Marion Town Treasurer/Collector Gary J. Carreiro would like to remind Marion taxpayers that Fiscal Year 2008 Boat Excise taxes are due on or before January 15, 2008. Taxpayers are encouraged to mail their payment to: The Town of Marion, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Please contact the Tax Collector's office at 508-748-3504 or 508-748-3506 with any questions you may have regarding your bill. Office hours are Monday through

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For more information please contact discussion leader, Ms. Lois Murray at 508-758-4949.

Holiday Parking Program

In an effort to encourage folks to do their holiday shopping in New Bedford, the city is offering a special Holiday Parking Program. Effective now through January 1, 2008, New Bedford is offering free two-hour parking at metered spaces in both the downtown and North End business districts, and also at the Elm Street and Zeiterion garages.

If you are parked at a meter in either the downtown or North End business districts while doing your holiday shopping and by chance receive a ticket, please take or mail your parking ticket along with a copy of sales receipt for over \$10 from a downtown or North End Business district restaurant/merchant to the Traffic Commission Office.


The Traffic Commission Office is located at 51 Elm Street and is open from Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Questions regarding the Holiday Parking Program can be directed to the Traffic Commission Office at 508-961-3153.

The 2007 Holiday Parking Program is sponsored by the City of New Bedford Office of the Mayor in conjunction with Downtown New Bedford Inc. and the North End Business Association.

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Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Presidential Primary

As you are aware, Governor Deval Patrick signed a bill on Monday, November 26 to move the state's presidential primary from March 4, 2008 to February 5, 2008. The last day to register to vote in the Presidential Primary on February 5, 2007 is Wednesday, January 16, 2008. The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 8:00 pm for registration that night. If you will not be able to vote on Election Day and wish to do so, please call the office at 508-758-4103, extension 2 for information regarding Absentee Ballots.

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The January program features the music of Hector Berlioz, Claude Debussy, Albert Roussel, and Jean Francaix, composers whose careers span the last 150 years and whose work exemplifies the best in French chamber music. Listeners will enjoy the wide spectrum of sound offered by the Chamber Music Society — flute, oboe, cello, violin, viola, piano, and voice — in ravishing pieces adored for their lyricism and grace, their passion and nuance.

From Hector Berlioz's "Les Nuits d'été" ("The Summer Nights"), his lovely settings of six of Theodore Gautier's most evocative poems, to Jean Francaix's Cor Anglais Quartet, the SCCMS program promises an in-depth look at French contributions to the chamber music universe we cherish today.

Berlioz's cycle of songs for voice and piano that were published in the summer of 1841 as *Les Nuits d'été* ("Summer Nights"), includes six poems from Gautier's



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Claude Debussy's *String Quartet in G minor, Op.10*, an early work, is justly admired for its sensuousness and for the lovely ways in which the composer plays with repetitions and echoes, traits that characterize his mature style. Debussy, who referred to himself as a "musicien français," typifies the gallic approach to music that is nonetheless clearly stamped with his personal approach and magic touch.

Albert Roussel may not yet be a household name, but for the French themselves he is truly a master of 20th century music. In *Les Joueurs de flute*, audiences will hear one of his best-known pieces, one that might be described as a tribute to the flute, his favorite instrument. Each of its four movements, Pan, Tityre, Krishna, and M. de la Pejaudie, is dedicated to a figure associated with the flute and features music typical of each, from ancient Greek

to Hindu and modern European. As played by SCCMS co-founder Claude Cobert, Roussel's piece will offer an intriguing look at the subtlety and power of the flute.

Jean Francaix was a piano virtuoso who tried his hand at most musical forms — concerti, symphonies, operas, and ballets — but who never wandered far from his avowed goal, to "give pleasure." His *Quartet for cor anglais and strings*, written in 1970 (Francaix died in 1997), will showcase Francaix's witty and elegant style and will remind audiences of that great French love of the Neoclassical that seems so apparent in all the arts, from the drama of Jean Racine to the stylistic flourishes of the Napoleonic era, to the paintings of David and Ingres.


Tickets for the January program are \$18 (ages 16 and younger free) and can be purchased at the door, at The Symphony Music Shop on Route 6 in Dartmouth, at The Bookstall on Front Street in Marion, or by filling-in and mailing the form that appears on SCCMS's website, www.southcoastchambermusic.org. For more information, please call the South Coast Chamber Music Society office at 508-992-4739.

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Volunteering for FISH is a way to offer a meaningful contribution to the community. They currently need volunteers to transport neighbors to medical appointments. All riders are ambulatory. Volunteers use their own car. You can volunteer for one day a month or perhaps just one morning a week. If this is something you would like to assist with, please call 508-758-2140. Remember, volunteering feels good. They are also in need of FISH callers. Callers schedule about three requests a day and drivers. Just call 508-758-2140 for more information.

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Please be reminded that with the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, as with all Councils on Aging, any and all are welcome to participate in activities or utilize services. The Mattapoisett Council on Aging works regularly with a vibrant group of individuals who are always willing to welcome a new face. Please call them at 508-758-4110 if you are interested in receiving our bi-monthly newsletter or, if you wish to learn more about our services.

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- Thursday, December 27: 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 9:30 Bridge; 12:00 Lobster Pot and Blithewold Mansion; 1:00 Crafters Circle;
- Friday, December 28: 8:30 Shaws; 9:30 Weight Training; 1:00 Friends of the Elderly Film, *The Producers*.
- Monday, December 31: 8:00 Water Aerobics; 8:30 Stop and Shop; 9:00 SHINE; 10:00 Garden Club: center closing at 11:00 am;
- Tuesday, January 1: Happy New Year – center closed;
- Wednesday, January 2: 8:00 Water Aerobics; 8:30 Yoga with Tricia; 12:30 Lunch with Seniors and Third Grade; 1:30 to 3:30 Bingo; 1:30 Fitness with Karen;
- Thursday, January 3: 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 9:30 Bridge; 11:30 Persey's Place; 1:00 Crafters Circle;
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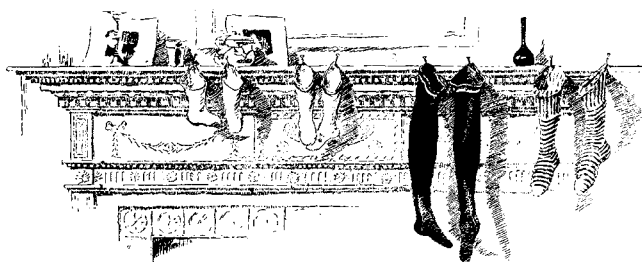
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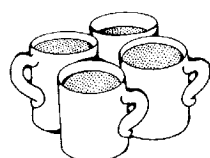
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- Art Classes: A new class will begin for Thursday mornings beginning Thursday, January 10. Classes are 9:00 to 10:30 am and registration is limited so contact the COA soon.
- LL Bean Trip: January 24 at 9:30 am, join the COA for a van ride to LL Bean in Mansfield. Lunch on your own.
- Pet Care and Training: Karen of Mattapoisett's Animal Hospital will be at the Mattapoisett COA on Thursday, January 17 at 1:00 pm to discuss pet care and training needs. RSVP by calling 508-758-4110
- Free Legal Consultation with The Medicaid and Estate Planning Strategies Law Firm, PC on January 14 from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Appointment required, please sign up at the COA.
- Bodies ... The Exhibition on Tuesday, January 22 in Framingham. An exhibition that illustrates the complexity of the human body. Features over 200 specimens including whole bodies and individual organs. Call COA for rate and van \$6. Sign up early as space is limited.
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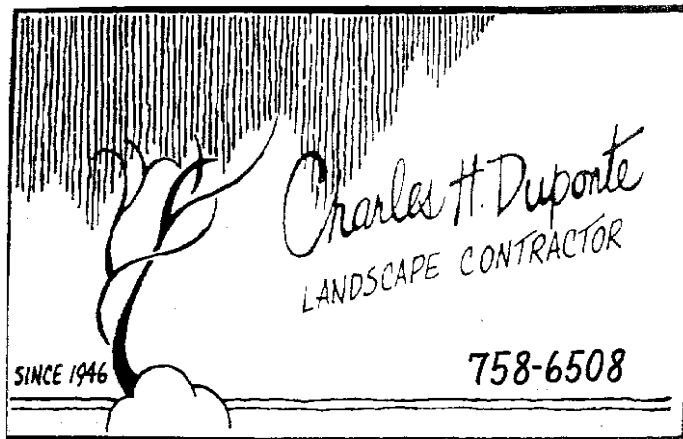
Sunday are at 8:00 am using Rite I and at 10:00 am using Rite 2 C; Eucharistic service on Wednesday is at 7:30 am. An adult Bible Study is offered on Wednesday at 8:00 am and at 12:15 am. Our church school uses the Godly Play Curriculum which is Montessori based! The congregation loves it and they know your children will, too! They welcome your children to the Christian Education on Sundays starting at 9:45 am. The children will be brought to the Church around 10:30 am to meet with the Congregation before the Eucharist (Feast).

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Deaths

H. Potter Trainer, Jr., 86, of Mattapoisett died Monday December 17, 2007 suddenly at Saint Luke's Hospital. He was the husband of Margaret (MacDonald) Weymouth Trainer and the late Elinor (Burnett) Trainer.

Born in Boston and raised in Waban, the son of Harry P. and Anne (Harvey) Trainer, he lived in Middleboro for 20 years before moving to Mattapoisett 20 years ago. He was a graduate of Phillips Andover Academy and the University of Arizona School of Mining. Mr. Trainer was the retired president and founder of the Trainer Company.

He was an avid sailor, boat builder, bicyclist, and conservationist. He served on the Middleboro Conservation Commission and the Mattapoisett Bike Path Committee.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Rusty Keilch and her husband John of Berkley, CA, and Jennifer Thompson and her husband Joseph, of Williamstown; three stepsons, Douglas Weymouth and his wife Lynnette of Florida, Bruce Weymouth and his wife Julie of Maine, and Scott Weymouth and his wife Kate of Rhode Island; his special niece, Susan Hamel of Wareham; two sisters, Nancy Ramsden of Wilmington, NC, and Phoebe Meehan of Little Compton, RI; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was the father of the late Celia Trainer. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Mattapoisett Land Trust, P.O. Box 31, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, or Friends of the Mattapoisett Bicycle Path, P.O. Box 1336, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett.

Jeannette L. Killen, 80, passed away on Sunday December 16, 2007. Mrs. Killen is survived by her 6 daughters, Sharon Brownell and husband Tom of Mattapoisett, MA; Michelle Sands of Sandwich; Cheryl Coffin and her husband Kenny; Jennifer Killen; Laurie Paterson and her husband Tom and Lisa Goodwin and her husband Bob, all of Nantucket, a sister Marla M. Rogers of Owls Head, ME, 10 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In memory of her giving ways and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Indigent Fund, Nantucket Cottage Hospital, 57 Prospect Street, Nantucket, MA 02554 or the charity of one's choice.

James H. Gilbert, 78, died unexpectedly Sunday, December 16, 2007, at Penobscot Bay Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family after a brief illness. Born in Goldens Bridge, NY, on January 14, 1929, he was the son of James R. and Grace D. (Quinn) Gilbert. During high school Jim played the trumpet in the school dance band. He went to work for his grandfather at King Lumber in Katona, N.Y., where he began a career in the lumber and hardware business. This work took him to Michigan, Indiana, Connecticut and Massachusetts. On June 11, 1975, he married Laureen "Reeny" Mullen. In 1976, they moved to Camden from Mattapoisett, MA. In 1986 Jim and Reeny became innkeepers when they purchased the Camden Harbour Inn, which they owned and operated for 10 years. In 1988 they opened Gilberts Publick House off Bayview Street.

Surviving are his wife, Laureen "Reeny" Gilbert of Camden; his six children, William K. Gilbert and his wife, Luanne of Lakeville, Mass., Mark J. Gilbert of Sarasota, Fla., Jeffrey C. Gilbert of Collinsville, Conn., Melissa D. Yandell and her husband John of Lincolnville, Craig S. Gilbert of Westbrook, and Kimberly G. Kasper and her husband Leonard of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; sister Grace G. Meinhold of Largo, FL; sister-in-law Letitia Gilbert of Rome, NY; 11 grandchildren, Jennifer, Matthew and Christopher Gilbert, Nathaniel, Kara, and Ryan Gilbert, Stacey, Rachael, and John P. Yandell, Justin and Cassie Kasper; 9 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Robert Gilbert. A public open house will be announced in honor of Jim in January 2008 at Gilberts Publick House. The family suggests memorial donations be made to Camden Rotary Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 602, Camden, ME 04843; or to Steelin Thunder Music Scholarship, c/o Camden Hills Regional High School, 25 Keelson Drive, Rockport, ME 04856.

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Constantinos C. "Charlie" Perperas, 86, of New Bedford, died on Thursday, December 20, 2007 in Saint Luke's Hospital in New Bedford after a brief illness. He was the husband of the late Cleopatra (Konstantakos) Perperas. Born in New Bedford, the son of the late Christos and the late Christina (Vassily) Perperas, he was a life long resident of the city and communicant of Saint George Greek Orthodox Church.

A graduate of New Bedford High School and New Bedford Textile, Mr. Perperas was the head textile designer for Berkshire Hathaway for many years until his retirement. Mr. Perperas served in the U. S. Army during WWII, stationed in England. He loved to play golf and was a former member of the Whaling City Golf Club. He was also a member of the American Legion Post in Acushnet. An avid sports fan, he loved the Red Sox and all of the other New England teams. He enjoyed spending time with friends and family especially his grandchildren and "Princess," his grand puppy.

Mr. Perperas leaves a daughter, Tina Gaudette and her husband Ronald of Acushnet; two sons, Christopher Perperas and his wife Gloria of Mattapoisett and Peter Perperas and his wife Yolanda of Taunton; three grandchildren, Ryan Perperas and his companion Tammy Rooney of Fairhaven, Matthew Gaudette and his wife Jess of Mansfield, and Megan Gaudette and her fiancé Nick Howie of Quincy; a great-grandson,

Jarrod Gaudette and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Perperas was the brother of the late Artemis Pasioka. Arrangments by The Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main Street, Fairhaven. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Saint George Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund, 87 Ashley Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02746.

Morrisette, Annette R. (Rousseau) of Milton died on December 18, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Ferial R. Devoted mother of Eric P. Morrisette of Mattapoisett and Fern L. Stepp of Livonia, MI. Sister of the late Roland, Raymond and Rene Rousseau, Florence Lussier, Lucille Lageaux and Blanche Charrest. Loving grandmother of Lisa Lampiasi of Northampton, Laura Morrisette of Shutesbury, Jennifer Dempsey of MI and the late Robert Stepp. Arrangments by the Alfred D. Thomas Funeral Home, 326 Granite Avenue, Milton. www.alfreddthomas.com.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Bloody Barber

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Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street. Starring Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter. Directed by Tim Burton. Running time: 117 minutes. MPAA rating: R.

To say that the splatter-goth musical *Sweeney Todd* is an ideal match for Tim Burton's manic-depressive sensibility would be to make the understatement of the movie year. In a way, this director's entire darkly gaudy career has been working up to an adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's nastily sportive Broadway hit. (The material has been around since the 1840s, and a *Sweeney Todd* movie with Tod Slaughter predated Sondheim's work by 43 years.) As in his other goth-horror Johnny Depp vehicle *Sleepy Hollow*, Burton drains the screen of all color except blood red. The effect in both films is like *Nosferatu* produced by Hammer, and someday they will make a dazzling creature double feature — except that in *Sleepy Hollow* Depp pursues the creature, and here he is one.

His hair teased into a mad-scientist Beethoven helmet with a shock of white, Depp's Sweeney Todd enters the picture seething with contempt and fury, and he almost never lets up. Character subtlety has never been Burton's strong point; fortunately, the material doesn't demand it. It's a gory cartoon with operatic flourishes and a lineage that includes *Titus Andronicus*, EC Comics, and Andy Milligan's *Bloodthirsty Butchers*. It's a revenge play, with Sweeney plotting to give very close shaves to the men who took his wife and daughter away and locked him up, while Helena Bonham Carter's Mrs. Lovett, who bakes meat pies, proposes a pragmatic way to dispose of the bodies.

Bonham Carter and Depp, surly goth twins at the fetid prom of London, approach *Sweeney Todd* as the live-action sequel to their previous film for Burton, *Corpse Bride*. Depp stands stock still, gnashing his rotted teeth (at times he resembles Christopher Walken's Max Schreck in Burton's *Batman Returns*), while Bonham Carter whirls around plotting and fantasizing about the picnic-filled marriage she and Sweeney will have. They're in decent voice, though Sondheim's silverstreak lyrics are so densely packed they're difficult for these lesser-trained singers to navigate. Other actors — like Alan Rickman as the evil Judge Turpin, Timothy Spall as Turpin's obsequious henchman, and Sacha Baron Cohen as the boastful scam artist Pirelli — get easier songs and more room to breathe and show off their pipes.

The pumping, hissing blood is, as Burton hoped, more cathartic than disgusting. It's theatrical blood, Hammer blood, and for the sexless Sweeney these gushers are the only hot release he can have. Eros, meet Thanatos. Romance swirls all around Sweeney — Turpin's lust for Sweeney's teenage daughter Johanna, whom he has adopted as his "ward"; a young sailor yearning for Johanna; Mrs. Lovett's unrequited (and hardly noticed) love for Sweeney — but all he's interested in is the dark romance of vengeance. (He refers to his silver razors as his friends.) *Sweeney Todd*, in whatever incarnation, has been one of the oddest stories ever to capture the mass public fancy, and Burton and odd go together like cake and ice cream. He's never been afraid of the grand gesture (or the Grand Guignol gesture); there's a long, computer-enhanced pullback from Sweeney brandishing his razor through the towers and tenements of London, and it's a breather, a tour through a macabre toybox.

It's a powerfully weird movie for a studio to position as its big holiday release. But it fulfills a promise I haven't felt Burton has delivered on before, not this completely. He needs a simple story, and big, flamboyant moments to offset the wretched pinpricks of despair, and loud music, and a vehicle that finds both poetry and humor in horror, and Johnny Depp. Well, Burton's checklist is full this time. *Sweeney Todd*, which went before cameras last February, was Burton's late Christmas gift to himself, and now it's his Christmas gift to those of us who've been his loyal fans for the last twenty years. This black cauldron of a film, with its spider-blood visual scheme, may be the purest example of imagemaking the movies have given us in far too long.

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National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG) — 12:45, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

Sweeney Todd (R) — 1:00, 4:25, 7:20, 9:55

Charlie Wilson's War (R) — 12:35, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30

Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story (R) — 12:40, 4:35, 7:05, 9:20

P.S. I Love You (PG13) — 1:10, 4:20, 7:15, 9:50

I Am Legend (PG13) — 12:50, 4:00, 7:25, 9:40

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Sweeney Todd (R) — Fri: 3:35, 7:05, 9:35; Sat/Sun: 12:50, 3:35, 7:05, 9:35

P.S. I Love You (PG13) — Fri: 3:45, 7:15, 9:45; Sat/Sun: 1:10, 3:45, 7:15, 9:45

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The Waterhorse: Legend of the Deep (PG) — 1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:10

Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story (R) — 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 9:45

Charlie Wilson's War (R) — 1:15, 3:50, 7:10, 9:25

I Am Legend (PG13) — 1:10, 3:55, 7:00, 9:20

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National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG) — 12:55, 4:00, 6:50, 9:35

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- NEW BEDFORD: Thursday, January 10; Kennedy Donovan Center, 19 Hawthorn Street, New Bedford; Blood Drive and Health Screenings; 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.

- FALL RIVER: Saturday, January 12; Fall River Recreation Department, 72 Bank Street, Fall River; Health Screenings; 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

- NEW BEDFORD: Thursday, January 17; New Bedford Police Department, 572 Pleasant Street, New Bedford; Blood Drive and Health Screenings; 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.

- FALL RIVER: Friday, January 18; Fall River Police Department, 685 Pleasant Street, Fall River; Blood Drive and Health Screenings; 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.

- SOMERSET: Monday, January 21; Dunkin' Donuts, 1073 GAR Highway, Somerset, Blood Drive and Health Screenings; 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.

- FALL RIVER: Tuesday, January 22; Wal-Mart, New Harbor Mall, Fall River; Health Screenings; 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.

- DARTMOUTH: Saturday, January 26; Dartmouth Bible Church, 52 Morton Street, Dartmouth; Blood Drive and Health Screenings; 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.

- REHOBOTH: Monday, January 28; Dunkin'

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MARION

Log highlights December 16 through December 22, 2007:

- Front Street – motor vehicle stop/adult arrest (marked lanes violation, operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle)
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Island Wharf Road – found property
- Barros Drive – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Thomas Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – breaking and entering/past
- Wareham Road – breaking and entering/past
- County Road – assist other police department
- Wareham Road – shoplifting/past
- Edgewater Lane – gunshots reported
- Front Street – motor vehicle complaint
- Wareham Road – suspicious person
- Park Street – disturbance
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Dexter Road – adult arrest (possession of Class B substance, possession to distribute Class D substance)
- Dexter Road – larceny/past
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Barros Drive – breaking and entering/past.

MATTAPOISETT

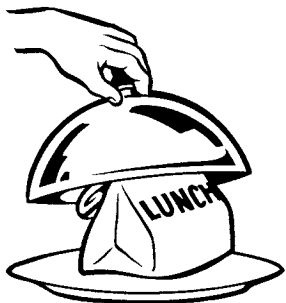
Log highlights December 16 through December 22, 2007:

- County Road – safety/road hazard
- North Street – ambulance request
- Fairhaven Road – civil complaint
- County Road – motor vehicle accident
- Shaw Street – suspicious persons
- Antassawamock Road – assist citizen
- Acushnet Road – officer wanted
- Shaw Street – burglar alarm
- County Road – burglar alarm
- Acushnet Road – officer wanted
- Meadowbrook Lane – motor vehicle accident
- Marion Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Brandt Island Road – bomb scare
- Prospect Road – motor vehicle accident
- County Road – property returned
- Winnatuxett Beach Road – ambulance request
- Wolf Island Road – safety/road hazard
- Acushnet Road – assault
- Holly Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road – motor vehicle repossession
- Brandt Island Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Mattapoissett Neck Road – intoxicated party
- Hillside Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- Depot Street – civil complaint
- Water Street – officer wanted
- Fairhaven Road – assist citizen
- Mattapoissett Neck Road – ambulance request
- Bay Club – alarm fire.

ROCHESTER

Log highlights December 17 through December 24, 2007:

- Marion Road – ambulance request
- New Bedford Road – highway matter
- Mary's Pond Road – assist citizen
- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- Mary's Pond Road – civil complaint
- High Street – property found/lost/recovered
- Mary's Pond Road – fire
- Walnut Plain Road – traffic hazard
- Constitution Way – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Rounseville Road – suspicious activity
- High Street – motor vehicle accident
- Haskell Ridge Road – vandalism
- Gammon Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- North Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Cushman Road – animal control
- Spruce Street – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Dexter Lane – property lost/found/recovered
- Dexter Lane – motor vehicle accident
- Mary's Pond Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Sarah Sherman Road – missing person.



MATTAPOISETT / MARION / ROCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Wednesday, January 2: Chicken pattie on a roll, oven baked fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday, January 3: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

Friday, January 4: Soup, grilled cheese, turkey sandwich, fruit, choice of milk.

Monday, January 7: French toast sticks, mini hash browns, lite sausage, cinnamon apples, juice, milk.

Tuesday, January 8: Chicken bites, cosmic fries, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, January 9: Lasagna, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Thursday, January 10: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Friday, January 11: Taco with all the fixings, rice, fruit, milk.

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Tuesday, January 1: NEW YEAR'S DAY (no meals served).

Wednesday, January 2: Oriental vegetable soup, teriyaki glazed chicken, fluffy white rice, multigrain roll, fresh orange.

Thursday, January 3: Fish cakes, ketchup, vegetarian baked beans, country style blend vegetables, rye bread, pineapple in light syrup.

Friday, January 4: Pork pattie with apple gravy, mashed potato, Roman style blend vegetables, dinner roll, vanilla pudding, sugar-free pudding.

Monday, January 7: Turkey ham, mashed sweet potatoes, California blend vegetables, rye bread, diced peaches.

Tuesday, January 8: Corn chowder, baked chicken, green beans/red pepper blend, whole wheat roll, fresh orange.

Wednesday, January 9: Meat loaf with gravy, sour cream and chive whipped

potatoes, whole wheat bread, carrot coins, brownie, graham wafer.

Thursday, January 10: Beef burgundy, buttered noodles, Harvard beets, multigrain roll, mandarin oranges.

Friday, January 11: Breaded pork chop, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, apple cinnamon muffin, chocolate pudding, sugar-free pudding.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Wednesday, January 2: Chicken pattie on a roll, potato wedges, vegetable, fresh rise pizza, grilled cheese, pretzel.

Thursday, January 3: Honey mustard chicken fajitas, nachos and cheese, vegetable, fresh rise pizza, meatball sub.

Friday, January 4: American pizza, vegetable, peanut butter and jelly.

Monday, January 7: Hot and spicy chicken wings, pizza dippers, blue cheese spicy wedges, stuffed crust pizza.

Tuesday, January 8: Waffle sticks, sausage, hash brown, cinnamon apples, milk, pizza.

Wednesday, January 9: Spaghetti with/ without meat sauce, vegetable, bread, fresh rise pizza, chicken nuggets.

Thursday, January 10: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, cranberry sauce, pizza.

Friday, January 11: Tacos with all the fixings, nachos and cheese.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 2: Steak 'Um and cheese, French fries, corn, pineapple.

Thursday, January 3: Pasta with meat sauce, green beans, roll, fruit, pudding.

Friday, January 4: Tuna roll or pizza, pretzels, mixed vegetables, peaches.

Monday, January 7: Chicken nuggets, turkey wrap, mashed potato, peas.

Tuesday, January 8: Sloppy Joe, bologna and cheese, potato chips, corn.

Wednesday, January 9: Meatball sub, potato puffs, carrots, fruit, jello.

Thursday, January 10: Chicken fajita, soft taco, tortilla chips, salsa, pineapple.

Friday, January 11: Pizza bagel, egg salad, veggie sticks, potato chips, fruit.

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• FALL RIVER: Tuesday, January 29; Charlton Memorial Hospital, 363 Highland Avenue, Fall River; Blood Drive; 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.

• FAIRHAVEN: Thursday, January 31; Southcoast Home Care, Hospice and Infusion, 200 Mill Road, Fairhaven; Blood Drive and Health Screenings; 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.

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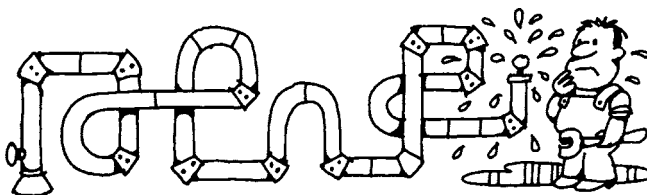
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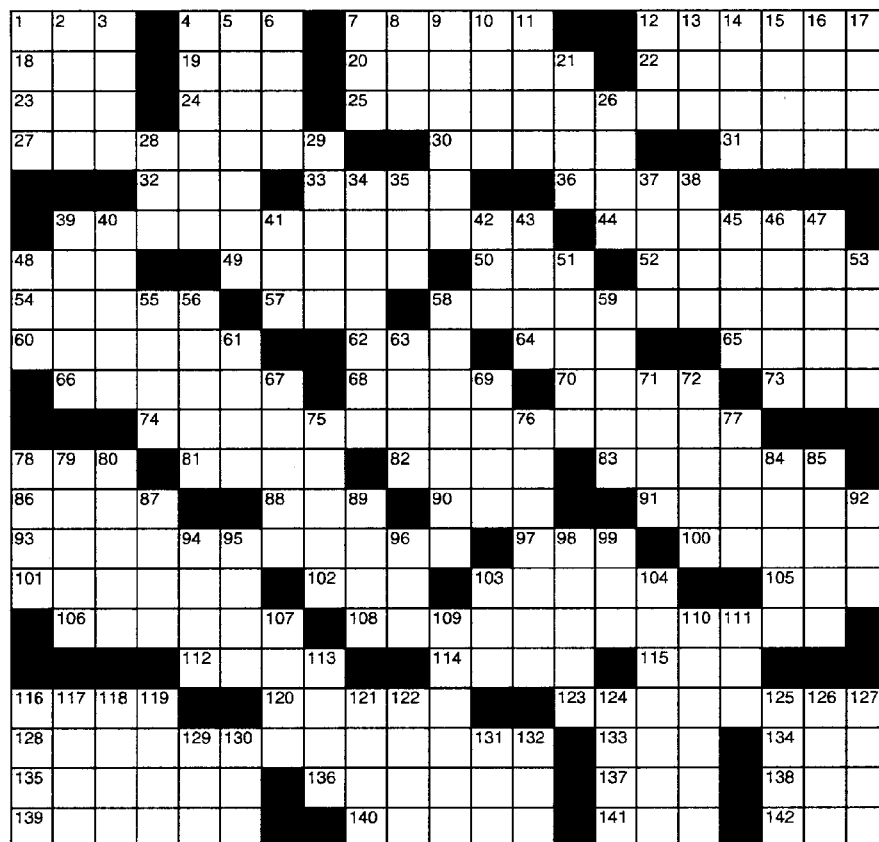
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130 Author LeShan
131 Nicole on "Fame"
132 Browning's bedtime?



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An old adversary wants to make amends over the holidays. The decision is yours. But wouldn't it be nice to share the upcoming new year with another friend?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As news of your work gets around, expect to receive a special holiday "gift" from influential contacts who could help you launch your new projects in the new year.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Instead of fussing over what you didn't do to prepare for the holidays, relax and enjoy the kudos for a job truly well done. A happy surprise awaits you early next year.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The best way to shake off lingering holiday blues is to join loved ones in the fun and festivities of this special time. A confusing situation starts to make sense in upcoming weeks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Special emotional rewards mark this holiday time for Leos and Leonas who are able to open up to new relationships and the possibilities they offer in the upcoming year.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your efforts to make the holidays especially memorable for some people will be rewarded in some unexpected (but very welcome) ways in the upcoming year.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be assured that your efforts to make this holiday special for everyone won't go unnoticed by those who could make some important changes in your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Lots of folks want you to light up their holiday parties. But try to take some quiet time 'twixt those glittering galas to spend with some very special people.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While the current round of holiday revels has your social life on the fast track, someone special might want to keep pace with you next year as well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Enjoy all the fun you deserve at this holiday time. However, don't lose sight of the need to check out some of the changes the new year is expected to bring.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) What happens during this holiday time can help clear up some of the confusion jeopardizing a once-stable relationship. Follow your instincts on what to do next.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your holidays are brightened by new friends eager to become part of your life. But don't forget to spend time with that one special person. (You know who.)

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Though flattered, these sisters felt that the award should be given to another youth who was equally deserving of same. There were, however, an significant amount of requests/recommendations for these two wonderful girls.

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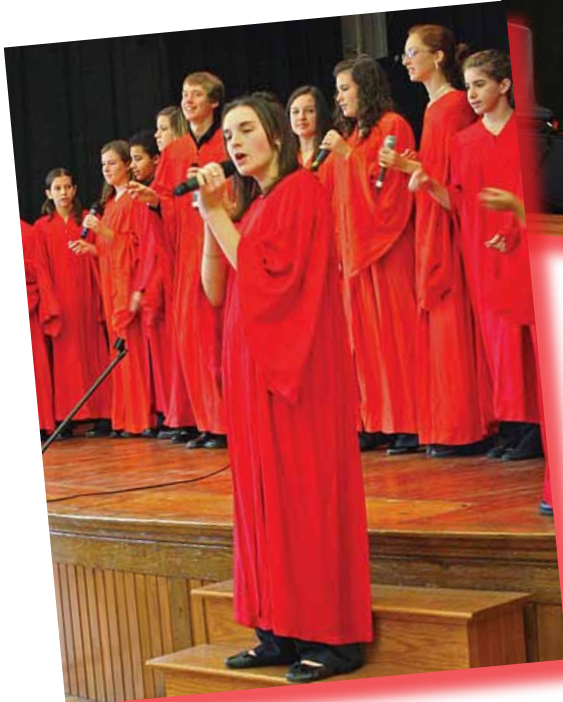
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Foundation, and individuals from local communities who have been touched by these two young girls.

Arisa and Deianeira have been working hard over the last year to earn monies on their own whether it be done by chores, allowances, foregoing birthdays, and more so they may help others who are less fortunate.

This year itself they purchased and donated 375 Brand New Books to the R.O. and R. Literacy Foundation, they donated \$1,500 to Camp Sunshine, the Doug Flutie, Jr. Autism Foundation, the American Cancer Foundation and local shelters for people and animals.

Most recently, the girls have "adopted" several area Marines as "pen pals" and have put together boxes of essentials and fun things to send to these Marines. These individuals having no one to write or send items to them while serving our Country. Also, they have been diligently working to send as many cards as possible to the Recovering Soldiers Card Drive in Washington, DC.

Congratulations, girls, on the wonderful achievements and the honor of having been again nominated!

Overeaters Anonymous

Tired of overeating? A speaker/newcomers meeting of Overeaters Anonymous will be held at Saint Gabriel's Church, 124 Front Street in Marion, on the last Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. For more information, please call Linda at 508-947-0583.

First Night 2007

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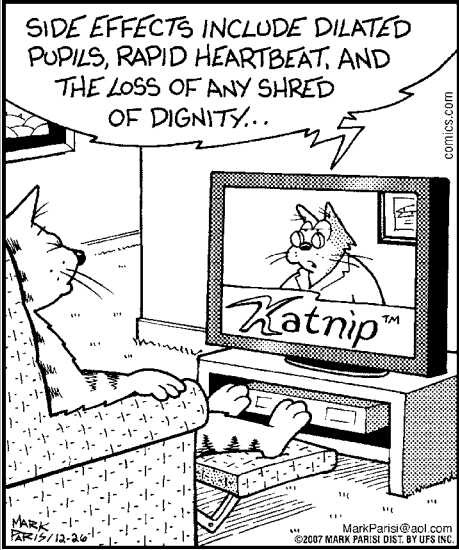


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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 7:10 PM in the Town House conference room on an Amendment to an Order of Conditions (SE41 1061) issued to DR. MARTHA STARK for the following work at 4 West Avenue, Planting Island: reconstruct a seawall, convert a gravel driveway into lawn, and construct a circular gravel driveway. The Amendment is to reshape the driveway and expand the scope of work to include constructing ground-level deck areas, landscaping, and installation of a 6'-high privacy fence. The site is further identified as Lot 1 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/27/</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a new Special Permit Application for a Special Residential Development filed by, Mario DiBona & John Stow, 127 Rickenbacker Road, East Falmouth, MA 02536, (now 316 Mary's Pond Road, Rochester, MA 02770) for property located off New Bedford Road and depicted on a plan entitled, "Forest Landing" An Active Adult Community - Land on New Bedford Road in Rochester, MA dated April 27, 2006 and revised August 30, 2007, (the date applicable to the new application), prepared by K & J Engineering, Inc., 205 West Grove Street, Middleborough, MA 02346. Property is further identified on Assessors' Maps as Plan 1, Lots #14, 14B & 15. The plan and application are on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex (37 Marion Road) and may be reviewed Monday through Friday from 9:00AM until 4:00 PM. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 12/20, 12/27</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD Pursuant to MGL Chapter 41 & 81 Q, the Rochester Planning Board will hold public hearings on January 8, 2008 at 8:00 PM at Town Hall to review proposed amendments to the Rochester Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land. Proposed amendments relate to the following issues: Require pdf computer-disk files with applications Further define procedures for submission and information requirements A Homeowners Trust for Definitive Subdivisions prior to Town Acceptance New funding procedure for peer review expenses Adjustments to the fee schedule for Site Plan Reviews A graduated schedule of road width requirements as a function of number of living units Multiple refinements to the Design & Construction Standards The proposed changes may be reviewed at the Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 12/20, 12/27</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Form C Application for Approval of a Definitive Subdivision Plan filed by Southeast Realty Development, LLC, P.O. Box 66, Rochester, MA 02770 for property located off Hartley Road and depicted on a plan entitled, "Hartley Mills" Definitive Subdivision of Land in Rochester, MA dated December 13, 2007 prepared by Bracken Engineering, Inc. of 49 Herring Pond Road, Buzzards Bay, MA. The plan is for 3 lots on land abutting Hartley Road identified on Assessors' Map 37, Lots 27 & 28. Plans and application may be reviewed at the Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 12/20, 12/27</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Town House conference room on a Notice of Intent submitted by FRANCIS G. LEDWITH for the following work at 384 Delano Road: construct an 81' long pile supported timber pier, a 12'-long transition ramp and platform, an 18'-long aluminum gangway, and an 8' x 20' timber float. The site is further identified as Lot 60 on Marion Assessors' Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/27/</p> <hr/> <p>off the mark by Mark Parisi</p> 	<p>Home - Organizer - Office - Organizer Patty Catoe 843-290-5097 Mattapoisett</p> <hr/> <p>TIRE OWL EYES BY MID-DAY? THEN... make a permanent investment in yourself with permanent make-up at ABOUT FACE. By appointment only. 508-295-4322. FREE CONSULT. 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Volunteers will each be given shifts of a few hours on New Year's Eve to help check for buttons at venue sites, assist at Custom House Square and perform various other necessary tasks. It takes a lot of volunteers to help out on the evening of First Night and community par-



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Remember to check The Wanderer each week so you will know who to wish a "Happy Birthday!"

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by Linda Thistle

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ticipation helps tremendously. Volunteers will receive a complimentary First Night button as a thank you to enjoy the rest of the celebration.

First Night New Bedford is the fourth oldest First Night celebration in the nation. It is supported each year primarily by fund-raising events, sales of attendance buttons, contributions from community-minded businesses and volunteer participation.

First Night New Bedford depends on this support for its success. To sign up to volunteer, please contact Claudia Ostiguy at 508-995-7613. To make a financial contribution to First Night New Bedford, please call 508-287-2482. Please send your sponsorship donations to First Night New Bedford, Inc., P.O. Box 1701, New Bedford, MA 02741. Visit our website www.firstnightnb.org.

The First Night New Bedford Committee recently unveiled the 2008 button at Shaw's Supermarket at 500 Kings Highway in New Bedford. The 2008 button features the winning image of the downtown New Bedford skyline illuminated by fireworks on New Year's Eve 2007 captured by local photographer Bob Hughes.

"The 2008 First Night button represents all of the fun and excitement that the New Year's Eve celebration brings to downtown New Bedford," said Mayor Scott W. Lang. "This year, the First Night Committee has worked in collaboration with AHA! and I think the public will be pleasantly surprised with the new and expanded programming they have created."

First Night 2008 starts at 5:00 pm on New Year's Eve with a service at Seaman's Bethel and concludes with an amazing fireworks display at Custom House Square at 10:00 pm with lots of fun family-oriented events scheduled at more than a dozen different downtown venues. A complete list of the programming scheduled for First Night 2008 is available at www.firstnightnb.org.

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In addition to Shaw's Supermarket, First Night 2008 buttons are also available at all Sovereign Bank branches, Dorothy Cox's Chocolates in Fairhaven, and Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop on Route 6 in Mattapoisett.

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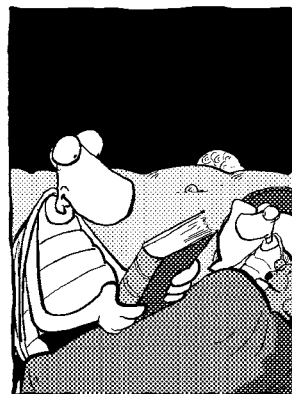
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Callers are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy when reporting. Due to the holiday, lists should be reported no later than 9:00 pm on December 28 by calling 508-758-9311. Last-minute changes by members can be made by calling the same number direct no later than 9:00 pm on January 1.

Mattapoissett Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its January meeting on Wednesday, January 2 — that's right, the day after New Year's — at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm with dinner service beginning at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be member Donald R. Correia, Past District Governor of Lions District 33S. Donald will give a brief presentation of the history and unbelievable efforts of the Massachusetts' Lions' Eye Research Fund, a one and only charitable organization of its

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Submissions for our cover artwork must be received by January 15, 2008. All submissions will be posted on our website, www.wanderer.com. Viewers can then vote online as to which artwork they think should be on the cover to celebrate Groundhog Day.

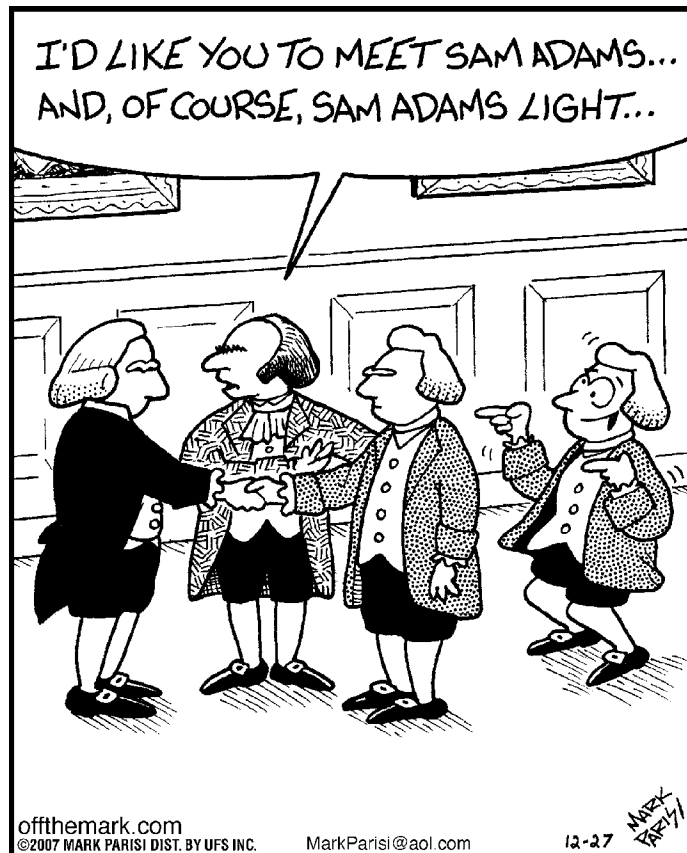
Voting will start at www.wanderer.com at 12:00 noon on January 17, 2008 and end at 8:00 pm on January 28, 2007. The winner will be announced in our January 31, 2008 issue.

To enter, you simply need to create an original artwork of any type that can be displayed on the cover of *The Wanderer*. The theme for this artwork should be "Groundhog Day." All submissions can be either hard copy or submitted electronically.

You can submit your entry by e-mailing them to: support@wanderer.com; mailing them to: Wanderer Groundhog Cover, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; or dropping them off in person at our office located at 55 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett.

Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number with your submission and good luck! All submissions must be entirely original works and must be submitted with a signed release form. Copies of the release form are available on line or at *The Wanderer* Office.

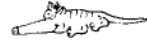
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Local Tides

Date	Day	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
December 27:	Thurs.	10:16	10:43	3:12	4:13
December 28:	Fri.	11:07	11:35	4:01	4:51
December 29:	Sat.	11:57	...	4:52	5:29
December 30:	Sun.	12:16	12:47	5:49	6:12
December 31:	Mon.	1:16	1:36	7:00	7:03
January 1:	Tues.	2:06	2:24	8:15	7:53
January 2:	Wed.	3:02	3:19	9:17	8:48
January 3:	Thurs.	3:57	4:15	10:06	9:38
January 4:	Fri.	4:51	5:07	10:51	10:25
January 5:	Sat.	5:39	5:53	11:35	11:11
January 6:	Sun.	6:21	6:34	...	12:09
January 7:	Mon.	6:59	7:14	12:01	1:03
January 8:	Tues.	7:37	7:55	12:39	1:43
January 9:	Wed.	8:14	8:34	1:22	2:21
January 10:	Thurs.	8:54	9:16	2:04	2:54
January 11:	Fri.	9:37	10:01	2:45	3:27
January 12:	Sat.	10:23	10:49	3:28	4:01
January 13:	Sun.	11:12	11:37	4:13	4:39

Phases of the Moon	Last Quarter	December 31st
	New Moon	January 8th
	First Quarter	January 15th
	Full Moon	January 22nd



I found the Aardvark!

Each week we will give away an Aardvark Gift and each month we give away a special Aardvark Gift Basket to one lucky person. All you have to do to enter is find the Aardvark! The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

The winner will be selected from all the correct answers picked by the deadline and the prize will have to be picked up at our office. Only one entry per household per issue please.

To enter, simply find the aardvark in this issue, then go to our web page and select the link "I Found the Aardvark" entry page. If you would like to enter by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Winner, past location and prizes listed on our website at: www.wanderer.com Click on "I Found the Aardvark"

In the December 20 issue the Aardvark was hiding on Page 4

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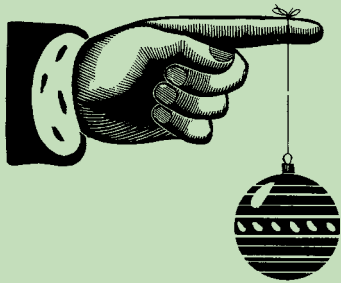
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